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U.S. Acting To Protect Embassies

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The new security measures were discussed at a meeting Wednesday afternoon of a Cabinet Committee on Terrorism working unit composed of experts representing the State Department, Department of Defense, CIA, FBI and Secret Service.

State Department spokesman Charles W. Bray said the aim of the measures is to "raise the price which assassins of the type engaged in the Khartoum murders can expect to pay."

Bray for the first time criticized the Al Fatah Palestinian guerrilla organization which was implicated in the murder of Ambassador Cleo Noel Jr. and his deputy, George C. Moore, last Friday.

Officials here disclosed that the automobile used by Black September Arab terrorists in the raid on the Saudi Arabian embassy where Noel and Moore were where Noel and Moore were said license plates. Al Fatah is accorded diplomatic standing in several Arab capitals.

The administration, Bray said, is "deeply distressed" by the fact that "the man who led this gang of murderers was the No. 2 man in the Al Fatah office in Khartoum and that the vehicle used by them was supplied by Fatah."

Noting that President Nixon was "very upset and concerned" about the security questions raised by the Khartoum murders, Braysaid the administration is engaged in "intensive" contacts with a number of governments.

But Bray would not comment on reports emanating from Beirut that Black September terrorists were planning to kidnap Secretary of State William P. Rogers.

U.S. officials also expressed concern over bombing incidents involving for eign embassies and facilities in the United States and said a review was under way to increase protection for foreign diplomats and visiting dignitaries in this country.

The latest incidents of this nature involved abortive attempts to bomb the cargo terminal of El Al, the Israeli airline, at Kennedy International Airport, and two Israeli banks in New York this week.

The State Department would not disclose which Arab countries had been asked to give greater protection to American diplomats. Bray would only say that "we are receiving the cooperation of a number of governments."

Among the security proposals discussed here was the possibility of providing armed bodyguards for senior U.S. officers. But officials said this idea was unlikely to be adopted since it, would conflict with local regulations.

Meanwhile, Amerian diplomats in the Middle East have been urged to take individual precautions such as doubling up when driving to work and taking varying routes. Approved For Release 2001/08/28: CIA-RDP75B00380R000500060001-4

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Nixon Ordered Chicago Crackdown

By Jack Anderson

President Nixon personally son. ordered the federal crackdown on corruption in Chicago as an act of political vengeance.

him enough evidence of vote nois' crucial electoral votes.

nasty court battle. Nixon re- But he has been embarrassed fused, saying he would not be by disclosures that his sons a party to a constitutional have been receiving city insurcrisis. But he never forgot that ance and legal business. Mayor Richard Daley's politi-cal machine had helped deny Black September him the presidency in 1960.

Washington-based tax agents commit their latest atrocty. were dispatched to Chicago to

Their work has already brought one celebrated conviction. Federal Judge Otto Kerner, formerly Governor of Illinois and a kingpin in the Daley machine, was found guilty background from secret CIA on 17 counts of conspiracy, fraud, bribery and income tax evasion.

to phone his congratulations ist arm of al-Fatah. to prosecutor James Thomp-

Cook County clerk, is on trial fraud in Chicago to convince for bribery, income tax evahim that he could have edged sion and mail fraud. An invesout John F. Kennedy for Illi-tigation into the Cook County assessor's office is expected to They urged him to chal- lead to still more indictments. lenge the election, which would have tied it up in a to escape criminal charges.

The Central Intelligence When he finally reached the Agency has put together some White House eight years later, fascinating facts about the he let the Justice Department Black September terrorists, know that he wanted to clean which may explain why they up Chicago. A high-powered stormed into the Saudi Arastrike force and a squad of bian Embassy in Khartoum to

Apparently, the terrorists process by taking over their embassy and executing three of their distinguished guests, including American Ambassador Cleo Noel Jr. Here is the sin plans." reports, which have been shown to us:

The Black September move-

embittered fedayeen were re-Footnote: The aggressive cruited whose main mission had been filling Faisal with Thompson, as U.S. attorney was to "get" King Hussein. stories of Jordanian brutality After he lost the close 1960 other Daley cronies on the clection, Republicans brought him enough evidence of yets. at Jordanian ministers, Army officers and members of the Royal Hashemite family.

The Black September terrorists struck first at Wafsi Tell, the late Jordanian Premier, who was gunned down in Cairo in November, 1971. This happened at a time when Saudi Arabia's King Faisal was trying to negotiate an accord between Jordan and al-Fatah. The King was worried, ITT Denies Connection according to a secret report, 'about the complete takeover of fedayeen leadership by radical extremists." He saw this as the "tragic inevitable outcome if Jordan continued to exclude the fedayeen wholly from any separate existence."

King Hussein, however, had Thursday. put the Daley machine under a federal microscope.

hoped to shock the world and intelligence reports of al-Fa-tah's involvement in the Black September attack upon Wafsi York, R. G. Bateson, associate

He asked King Faisal to "ITT never hired E. How-send a representative to Jor- ard Hunt or any so-called Mis-The President got the news ment, named for the month of while he was flying aboard when king wind the was flying aboard september. 1970 when king by inviting Hussein to send a lants, or breakins of the children ambassy or Chil

dispatched to Riyadh to pre-A few hundred hardened, sent the evidence to Faisal.

> against al-Fatah.

For a time King Faisal didn't know whom to believe, but he increasingly became convinced that al-Fatah had been taken over by radicals. In the end. Faisal wound up in Hussein's corner. This is the reason, according to the CIA, that the Black September terrorists have now turned against the Saudis.

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With Watergate Figure

International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. yesterday denied that it had any connection with any of the Watergate defendants as was alleged in column by Jack Anderson

In a statement from New Tell. These reports "indicated general counsel of ITT, said the King and his family were that the allegations in the equally targets of Fatah assas column "are completely inaccurate and untrue.'

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TERRORISTS WATCHED

Airlines Plot Feared

By OSWALD JOHNSTON Star-News Staff Writer

Commercial airline officials here and in Europe have been warned in a confidential security report that Palestinian terrorists are planning to disguise themselves as women or priests and bomb or hijack an El Al or U.S. airliner in Europe during the next few weeks.

According to the report, which was issued Friday by the Federal Aviation Administration's security office, the attacks to be in retaliation for the Israeli downing last month of a Libyan commercial airliner with the loss of 103 lives.

Intelligence sources who have been closely following the activities of Palestinian

guerrilla organizations refused to discuss the FAA report, and FAA officials likewise refused comment.

The report, which was characterized as "unconfirmed," nevertheless was attributed to a "reliable" source. This could refer to an informant or to a U.S. intelligence assessment of public and clandestine radio utterances by Palestinian organizations based in the Middle East. informed sources noted.

The report also carries this observation, which is almost certainly drawn from U.S. intelligence monitoring of guerrilla radio broadcasts from Beirut, Cairo, Damascus and other known transmitters of Al Fatah and other Palestinian organizations:

"Palestinians may believe that recent contact between Israeli Premier Golda Meir See TERRORISTS, Page A-6

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and President Nixon indicates that U.S. supports shooting down of Libyan airliner by Is-

The Black September raid on the Saudi Embassy in Khartoum two weeks ago, in which two American diplomats and a Belgian hostage were murdered, is believed to have been planned before the Libyan airlines tragedy.

The Israelis shot down the Libyan plane Feb. 21 — just one day after they staged a large-scale amphibious raid on two Palestinian refugee camps in northern Lebanon which they suspected of harboring Fatah and Black September operatives.

If anything, the Israeli raid on the two camps seems to have made a deeper impression on exiled Palestinians than did the airliner incident, even though it was quickly forgotten in this country.

According to Sudanese gov-

ernment accounts of the Khartoum operation, the name of one of the camps attacked by the Israelis — Nahr al Bard, meaning "Cold River" — figured in radioed code instructions which triggered the murder of the three hostages.

Up to now however US intelligence has been unable to verify this account, and a careful review of the CIA's usually meticulous monitoring of guerrilla radio transmissions has so far not uncovered the alleged message

the alleged message.

Whatever the validity of the report, sources here believe the Nahr al Bard code, if it was used, was most likely chosen after the Khartoum operation was well past the planning stage.

If this chronology is correct, it means that Black September and other Palestinian terrorist groups have yet to retaliate for the Libyan airliner incident and or the Israeli raid. If so, the FAA warning could well be plausible.

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Slaying of Alon Activated U.S. Watch for Terrorists

By Bill Richards and LaBarbara Bowman Washington Post Staff Writers

Within an hour after a gunman's bullets cut down Israeli Col. Yosef Alon in his dark, ened driveway early Sunday, federal agencies began put-ting into effect for the first time a nationwide surveillance procedure worked out last year to determine the whereabouts of potential Arab terrorists or terrorist sympathiz-

The procedure was one of two plans formulated late last year by a Cabinet Committee on Terrorism headed by Secretary of State William P, Rog-

ers. It was designed, according to sources familiar with the plans, as a response to terrorist acts of international stature committed in the U.S.

Neither the Israelis nor the EBI, which is heading the investigation of the killing of Alon, the Israeli military attache here, have acknowledged that Alon was the victim of a political assassin.

But almost immediately after he was killed FBI field offices around the country received word from their headquarters here to begin a checkup on the activities of a select group of persons considered to be sympathetic with or

members of pro-Arab extremist groups.

"These are people who have made known their pro-Arab extremist leanings either in this country or abroad," said a FBI sources. Information on them, he said came from the CIA the immigration and Naturalization uralization Service, police agencies here and abroad and the FBI's own intelligence op-

The number of persons who were placed under surveil-"a handful—less lance was than 100" according to a source. Some, he said, were placed under direct obseraced under direct obser- wake of terrorism—has all the slaving possible motive for Approved For Release 2001,08/28 et CIA-RDP75B00380R000500060001-4

vation by agents while the whereabouts of others was checked through sources.

In addition to the EBI part of the plan the CIA began checking with its sources of information abroad within several hours of the shooting.

About 3 a.m. Sunday, two hours after Alon was killed the operations center, on the seventh floor of the State Department, had notified U.S. embassies around the world of the incident and suggested tightened security

A source familiar with the FBI portion of the plan said the bureau's surveillance covered both "nationals and nonnationals who are notorious in this field of extremism.

"In many cases the FBI is just making sure that these people are where they are supposed to be and that they were there at the time of the shooting."

The State Department last year put into operation a plan called "Operation Boulder" which was designed to screen out and deny visas to anyone with links to international terrorist activities.

"In a free society like that in the U.S. there is no way that everyone who might be a suspect for this sort of thing could or should be watched,' said the source.

The Cabinet Committee on Terrorism was formed last fall after the raid by member of the Palestinian Black Septem-her terrorist group on the Olympic Games at Munich that resulted in the death of 11 members of the Israeli wrestling team.

In addition to the contingency plan for terrorist acts in the U.S., a committee source said, a second plan for a response to terrorist acts abroad has been drawn up.

That plan-which basically involves State Department action to rapidly tighten security at embassies and other, U.S. buildings abroad in the

It was used, sources said, after the kidnaping of American diplomats in Haiti in January, Guadalajara, Mexico in May and the killing of the Ambassador to the Sudan Cleo A. Noel Jr. and his aide G. Curtis Moore by Palestinian guerrillas in March.

But the domestic plan had not been put into full opera-tion until the Alon shooting Sunday, the source said.

Earlier this year, when FBI agents discovered bombs planted in three rental cars in New York City just before a visit there by Israeli Pre-mier Golda Meir, the plan was partly implemented, he said. He did not elaborate on what actions were taken at that time.

Alon who was 43 was buried yesterday in Tel Aviv. Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan warned during graveside eulogy that the attache's killers would be hit hard by counter-operations against Arab guerrilla groups

Although Israelis in Washington have not said Alon was killed by a politically moti-

vated assassin, Dayan said "We are not entirely short of acts, lacking enterprise or helpless and this war will not be one-sided."

Earlier Dayan had said he believed the killing was the

result of Arab guerrillas. The Voice of Palestine radio has claimed that Alon was "executed."

Montgomery County police! and FBI agents continued yesterday to question friends.

neighbors and relatives of the Alon family here. Police said, however, they planned to halt the questioning today and evaluate what evidence they had for a possible motive for

on several occasions this year.